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MURD INVESTIGATION (CARE LABS)
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I. SITUATION (1700 HOURS, APRIL 9, 1991)

- A. EPA IS CURRENTLY ASSISTING THE PFD-HMAU IN AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CARE LABS FACILITY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS TO DETERMINE IF MATERIALS TRANSFERRED FROM THE E-Z CHEMICAL SITE TO THIS LOCATION WILL BE PROPERLY SOLD/DISPOSED AND IF A FIRE/EXPLOSION THREAT IS IMMINENT.
- B. A MEETING AT THE CARE LABS FACILITY WAS ARRANGED AT 0900 HOURS ON 4/9/91. ATTENDEES INCLUDED MR. ARTHUR HAINES, OWNER/OPERATOR CARE LABS (FORMERLY MURD CORP.), EPA OSCS ENGLISH, POWELL, RICHARDSON, AND THOMAS, TAT, AND REPS FROM THE PFD-HMAU. A REPRESENTATIVE OF MR. HAINES CONTRACTOR WAS ALSO PRESENT.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. PFD AND EPA REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OF A POSSIBLE FIRE/EXPLOSION THREAT POSED BY THE MATERIALS STORED AT THE CARE LABS FACILITY. MR. HAINES ADVISED EPA AND PFD THAT HE HAD ALREADY TAKEN INITIAL ACTION TO MITIGATE THESE THREATS BY HIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTOR, EAGLE LABS, TO PERFORM A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF THE MATERIALS IN THE BUILDING. THIS INVENTORY WAS PRESENTED BY AN EAGLE LABS REPRESENTATIVE TO OSC THOMAS AT THIS MEETING.
- B. MR. HAINES EXPLAINED THAT MURD CORP. IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION, AS A STRIKE BY EMPLOYEES CAUSED THE COMPANY TO SHUT DOWN. NONE OF THE MATERIALS STORED FOR MURD HAVE BEEN DISTURBED SINCE THE COMPANY'S SHUTDOWN.
- C. EPA AND PFD REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED MR. HAINES THAT HE WAS STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THREAT POSED BY THESE MATERIALS, REGARDLESS OF THE OWNERSHIP PROBLEM. EPA AND PFD REPS. ADVISED MR. HAINES THAT CLEANUP MUST BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY DUE TO THE DANGERS OF THE MATERIALS AND SEVERAL BUILDING VIOLATIONS.
- D. MR. HAINES EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE MONETARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PERFORM A FULL CLEANUP AT THIS TIME. HE AGREED TO CONTACT MR. ZAKROCKI (PRP, E-Z CHEMICAL) FOR REMOVAL OF THE PRODUCT BELONGING TO HIM.
- E. EPA ADVISED THAT AN APPROVED CONTRACTOR MUST BE USED FOR PROPER REMOVAL/DISPOSAL OF THE MATERIALS.

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III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. EPA REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH PFD, PRP, AND L&I ON FUTURE ACTIVITY BY PRP.
- B. CRES TO INVESTIGATE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS BY PRPS FOR CARE LABS AND E-Z CHEMICAL. ANY FURTHER REMOVAL OF PRODUCT BY MR. ZAKROCKI MUST CONFORM WITH STIPULATIONS OF CONSENT AGREEMENT.
- C. PFD TO CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH PHILA. L&I ON LOCAL VIOLATIONS AND MITIGATION OF FIRE/EXPLOSION THREAT.

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